

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Morihiro WATA, ET AL.
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 Title: PARALLEL DATABASE SYSTEM RETRIEVAL METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 11, line 18, delete "database" after "front end";
 Page 13, line 1, insert --internal-format-- after "the" at second occurrence;
 line 22, insert --125-- after "procedure";
 Page 14, line 12, insert --13-- after "server";
 Page 15, line 3, insert --125-- after "procedure";
 line 18, change "data" to --sub-data--;
 line 19, change "declaration" to --definition--;
 Page 17, line 1, insert --database operation-- after "the";